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SUBJECT: IAF ASSISTANCE TO ANDA

FROM AMBASSADOR

PLEASE PASS TO IAF

REF: STATE 125305

1. AS YOU MAY EXPECT, I WAS GREATLY DISAPPOINTED BY
RESPONSE IN REFTEL STATING THAT IAF WOULD BE VERY DISPOSED
TO CONSIDER FUNDING ANDA PROJECT LATER WHEN ARTISANS ARE
RUNNING ORGANIZATION (BUT WHEN CONSEQUENTLY NEED FOR ASSISTANCE
WOULD NOT BE AS CRITICAL). THIS DECISION DEPRIVES ANDA OF
ASSISTANCE WHEN IT COULD DO MOST TO PROVIDE OPPORTUNITY FOR
ARTISANS TO BEGIN WORKING TOGETHER AND LEARN ENOUGH ABOUT
ORGANIZING AND ADMINISTERING TO BE ABLE TO RUN THEIR OWN
ORGANIZATION LATER. IF ALL PREVIOUS REQUESTS FOR ASSISTANCE
HAD BEEN SUBJECT TO SAME STRICT CRITERIA OF HELPING
ONLY ORGANIZATIONS ALREADY FULLY CONTROLLED BY BENEFICIARIES,
I WONDER HOW MANY PROJECTS WOULD HAVE BEEN ASSISTED AND
HOW WELL THE FUNDS WOULD HAVE BEEN SPENT. FURTHERMORE,
IF ANDA REALLY CONSIDERED TO BE AS WORTHWHILE AND PROJECT
TO BE VIEWED AS POSITIVELY AS STATED REFTEL AND IF THERE
WERE REAL INTEREST IN HELPING, THEN EFFORTS OF FIELD
REPRESENTATIVE WOULD AND COULD HAVE BEEN DIRECTED MORE TO
WORKING WITH THE SPONSORS AND THE POTENTIAL BENEFICIARIES
TO HELP DEVELOP MORE REALISTIC WAYS IN WHICH THE PROJECT
COULD BE REORGANIZED TO BENEFIT FROM IAF ASSISTANCE NOW.

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BUT PERHAPS THIS IS NEITHER TIME, PLACE, NOR MANNER TO

DISCUSS THIS MATTER FURTHER AND, IN ANY CASE, I HAVE NO PRESENT
REASON TO BELIEVE THAT FURTHER DISCUSSION NOW WILL DO ANY
GOOD. SO I AM PREPARED TO LET THE MATTER DROP FOR TIME BEING.
PERHAPS IN DUE COURSE IAF BOARD OF DIRECTORS WILL FIND TIME TO
REEXAMINE THE ORGANIZATION AND ITS PROCEDURES TO
DETERMINE WHETHER IT IS REALLY ACCOMPLISHING PURPOSES AND
DOING THE GOOD WHICH CONGRESS, IN CREATING IT, INTENDED.

2. MEANWHILE, IN FULL RESPECT OF THE INDEPENDENCE AND
FREEDOM OF ACTION OF IAF, MISS HARTFIEL HAS BEEN INFORMED OF
THE FOUNDATION'S RESPONSE AND HAS BEEN LEFT FREE TO ACT IN
ACCORDANCE WITH WHAT SHE KNOWS TO BE THE PREFERENCES, PREDILECTIONS,
AND PROCEDURES OF IAF WITH REGARD TO THIS AND ANY OTHER
CASE IAF MIGHT PRESENTLY BE CONSIDERING IN COSTA RICA.

3. FINALLY, I HOPE THAT THE POLITICALLY DISINTERESTED,
IMAGINATIVE AND ACTIVE PERSONS WHO ARE TRYING TO GET ANDA
ORGANIZED AND FUNCTIONING IN THE INTEREST OF AND WITH THE
GROWING PARTICIPATION OF THE ARTISANS WILL FIND SOME OTHER
SOURCE OF ASSISTANCE NOW WHEN IT IS MOST BADLY NEEDED.
ALTERNATIVELY, ANDA'S POTENTIAL BENEFICIARIES AND THE
COMMUNITY ARE LIKELY TO GAIN LITTLE ECONOMICALLY OR
ARTISTICALLY BUT ARE CERTAIN TO BECOME MORE DISILLUSIONED
ABOUT THE POSSIBILITY OF EVER RECEIVING TIMELY ASSISTANCE
FROM PRIVATE ENTERPRISE, DEMOCRATIC ORGANIZATIONS,
INCLUDING THOSE OF THE UNITED STATES.

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